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Letters

Postscript On Chile

To the Editor:

There is much that might be said, and will be said, of The Times's front-page article of Feb. 9 which finally ends a personal nightmare of nine years' duration. That nightmare started in 1972 with the publication by Jack Anderson of the so-called I.T.T. papers, whose egregious and malicious authors ascribed to me White House orders which, as your paper now acknowledges, were unknown to me then, as later.

However, I must now correct one factual error in your story which does a grave injustice to former President Eduardo Frei of Chile.

I told your correspondent — as I have told all others in the media and as I have sworn under oath — that I never discussed with President Frei any plan, constitutional or other, to prevent the inauguration of President-elect Salvador Allende in 1970 (the so-called Track I) and that I never discussed with Mr. Frei any C.I.A. program in Chile, either during or after his tenure. Hence, it is totally untrue to write that I "worked closely" with President Frei on Track I, as your story alleges.

Moreover, as I have told your correspondent repeatedly and unwaiveringly during the past five years, I refused, by official, secret cable, to implement the Sept. 14, 1970, instruction from the 40 Committee to meet with President Frei and to discuss Track I, and I also rejected the \$250,000 which the 40 Committee then said was being placed at my discretion.

Therefore, the money was allocated by Washington but, to the best of my knowledge to this date, was never sent or spent, contrary to the assertions of the Senate Select Committee and of your correspondents during the past five years.

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